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The current talk of a truce in Korea "before Christmas" is heavily discounted by most informed persons. A mere cease-fire can be arranged any time. It is UN conditions that cause delay. We insist N Korea shall not become area where reds can build up strength free from air attack.

Fact is, we have lost air superiority in Korea (due to Russian planes) and altho reinforcements are being rushed, it may be summer before we can match red strength. If conflict goes on we shall, of course, have to tap reserve stock of planes ordered and programmed for defense. We are getting more deeply involved all the time and no one has a graceful formula for withdrawal.

The Administration had counted on a Korean truce to take the war issue out of the '52 Presidential campaign. But that prospect now seems remote. Yet a continuing stalemate, with growing casualties is politically intolerable. There is now some suggestion that a release of the prisoners-of-war atrocity story, at this precise time, may be a build-up to gain public support for a tougher policy in Korea. Significantly, some insiders again assert that we are being bled white economically; that another thrust by STALIN would be intolerable. "It must be real peace or real war."

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Pres HARRY S TRUMAN: "There are no bargain basements where we can pick up American security at cut-rate prices." 1-Q

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Mrs FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT: "Peace does not depend upon the good will of America. If it were so, we would have had peace long ago." 2-Q

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Sen GEO SMATHERS, of Fla: "We are beating the snake's tail in Korea and letting the head live in the Kremlin." 3-Q

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ERIC JOHNSTON, retiring director of Economic Stabilization: "It is just as important that people should be drafted from business, industry and the professions for jobs in Washington as that men should be drafted for the armed services." 4-Q

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PHILIP JESSUP, U S Ambassador-at-large: "Vishinsky believes that a person can wave a magic wand and bring in a coach pulled by peace doves and that we can all climb aboard and drive off to Utopia." 5-Q

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Sen ROB'T A TAFT, of Ohio: "When you get to taxing 25% to 30% of the nat'l income, that's about the limit for a free economy." 6-Q

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Judge SAUL S STREIT, of N Y, sentencing former college basketball stars for bribery: "The nation's schools are courting an atomic athletic scandal. . . We have just scratched the surface; like the iceberg, 4/5 of the corruption is as yet beneath the level of legal proof and indictment." 7-Q

Gen MATTHEW B RIDGWAY, Supreme Allied Comdr in Korea, referring to Communist atrocity killings: "The shocking impact of the brutality which has been revealed should have been no surprise to the American people." 8-Q

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Col JAS M HANLEY, chief war crimes investigator, 8th Army: "Individuals in any army may commit an atrocity under battle conditions or because they are bad individuals, but our enemy does it on order." 9-Q

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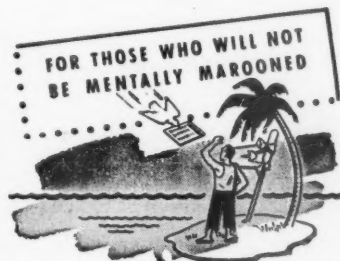
Catholic Bishops of U S, in statement made at recent meeting in Washington: "Mastery over mat'l things will avail us nothing if we lose mastery over ourselves." 10-Q

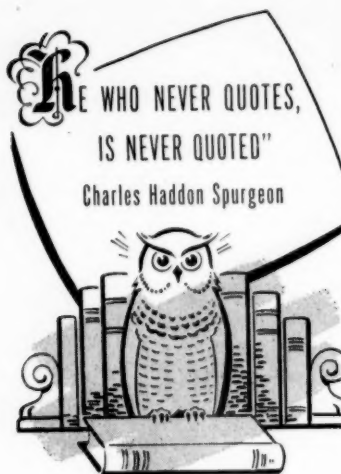
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MOHAMMED MOSSADEGH, Iranian Premier, ending U S visit: "Iran's economic crisis at the moment is so great that no one can be sure of the outcome." 11-Q

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Edw P MORGAN, nat'l enforcement director for price controls: "Great nations are not killed from without—they die when they refuse the internal discipline that will keep their position inviolate." 12-Q





ACCOMPLISHMENT—1

The measure of a life is not its duration but its donation.—*Dairy-men's League News*.

ACTION—2

Promotion is two-thirds motion.—*Kroehler News*, hm, *Kroehler Mfg Co*.

ADVERSITY—3

Say not that this or that thing came to thwart you; it came only to test you.—*MURIEL STRODE, School Bd Jnl*.

AGE—Youth—4

Age makes for prestige, youth for progress.—*WALTER SARFF, American Photography*.

AMERICA—Life—5

The melting pot has now been changed into a pressure cooker.—*DR CLINTON C COX, Drexel Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago*.

BEHAVIOR—6

Never do an act of which you doubt the justice or propriety.—*Signs of the Times*.

BOOKS—7

"A new novel is like a woman," says Walter Moore. "If the outside

is deftly decorative, without too much show of intellectual depth, I'm interested." — *OREN ARNOLD, Kiwanis Mag.*

BUSINESS—8

The Defense Dep't defines small business as any plant that in itself and affiliates employs not more than 500. I have also heard that a small businessman is one who is not big enough to maintain a representative in Washington. — *Sen JOHN SPARKMAN, of Ala.*

CHARACTER—9

Character education must teach youth to desire to be rather than to have. All too frequently today the quality of education is measured by what it can, and will, make of him.—*LAURIAN LA FOREST, "Character Education," Catholic Educational Review, 10-'51.*

CHILDREN—Guidance—10

What is told a child he may forget but what he feels he always remembers. — *LILLIAN TAYLOR, "Making Christmas a Happy Time," Grade Teacher, 12-'51.*

CHURCH—Contributions—11

Americans are giving a thousand times as much money for war purposes as for missions, and at our present rate of giving, the annual interest on our debt is equal to all contributions to for'gn missions for 100 yrs.—*Survey Bulletin*.

COMICS—12

Over 60 million comic books are sold every mo.—*English Jnl*.

COMMUNISM—13

Until we understand that all communists are animated by the same ideals, and the same drive for power and expansive urges, our strength and good-will will be unavailing to avert disaster and more and more Americans will die in more and more futile wars.—*FREDA UTLEY, The China Story. (Regnery)*

DIPLOMACY—14

Joe Cotton, brilliant N Y lawyer and scholar, served for a time as Asst Sec'y of State. He made the startling discovery that the American diplomatic code contains no sign or symbol for the word *laughter*.

This alone should be a warning to us that there is something wrong in our statesmanship. Humor is the ace in life's deck of cards. Let's take another look at our hand and play our ace. — *BRUCE BARTON, King Features Syndicate*.

EDUCATION—15

A survey by the U S Office of Education has revealed that an est'd \$4 million worth of college scholarships will go unclaimed in this country in '51.—*Occupations*.

EGO—16

No TV or radio program ever was so good that somebody in the room didn't think his 2¢ worth of chatter was better. — *WM FEATHER, Enos Mag, hm, Enos Coal Company*.

EGYPT—17

During the second World War, when a combined Nazi-Italian force stood ready to surge across Egypt's western frontiers, an American news-agency correspondent rec'd this query from his home office: CABLE THOUSAND WORDS WHETHER EGYPTIAN ARMY READY WILLING FIGHT IF ENEMY CROSSES BORDERS.

The correspondent's reply was a terse and pithy summation of Egypt's desire, willingness, and readiness for major conflict: NO THOUSAND TIMES NO.—*ALVIN ROSENFELD, "Egypt's Reckless Gamble," Reporter, 11-13-'51.*

ETHICS—18

A physician and a lawyer were discussing the disparity in the ethics of their professions. The lawyer contended that his work

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was just as honorable as that of the physician. Retorted the man of medicine: "Nonsense, whoever saw 2 doctors beating their chests, pounding their fists on the table and shouting to the high heavens in hot argumentation, whether to kill the patient or save his life?" —*Arkansas Baptist*.

EXPERIENCE—19

In our youth *sin* was a word describing something which nowadays is termed *experience*. — *ART BENSON*, *Weyerhaeuser News*, hm, Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.

FAMILY LIFE—20

Three corners of the house rest upon the wife; the 4th upon the husband. —*Slovakian proverb*.

Enterprise

This quick exchange of letters took place between a farmer and a poultry dealer:

Sir:

The crate you shipped those hens in was so dilapidated it fell apart while I was bringing it home from the railroad depot and all the hens escaped. I only rounded up 10 of them. Kindly send refund.

" "

Sir:

Congratulations on your vigilance. There were only 6 hens in the crate. Bill for additional hens is enclosed.

—*Wolf Mag of Letters*. 21

FRIENDSHIP—22

Any friendship you can buy costs more than it's worth. —*Shield*, hm, Ind State Police.

GERMANY—23

Well-informed circles tell us that the factor most likely to deter the Germans from lining up with us in the event of a 3rd world war is the possibility that we might win it again. —*Punch*, London.

GOD—and Man—24

All the great thinkers, however filled with theorems and theories, stand humbly, hat in hand, before a growing blade of grass. —*EDGAR F MAGNIN*, *How to Live a Richer and Fuller Life*. (Prentice-Hall)

GOODNESS—25

Goodness is more important than knowledge. A clever man may

devastate the whole world; only good men can save it. —*JOHN B SHEERIN*, "Faith of Scientists," *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*, 10-'51.

GOVERNMENT—26

Dictatorships die of concentrated arrogance; democracies of organized appetite. — *WM L SULLIVAN*, quoted in *Pastor*.

GRATITUDE—Lack—27

Whenever a man finds nothing to be thankful for, he has to reach up to touch bottom. —*KVP Philosopher*, hm, Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co.

HAET—28

Men's natures are alike; it is their habits that carry them far apart. — *ASHLEY MONTAGU*, *Statement on Race*. (Schuman)

HAPPINESS—29

Happiness sometimes sneaks in thru a door you didn't know you'd left open. —*JOHN BARRYMORE*, quoted in *Woman's Home Companion*.

HEALTH—30

In our country today, there are some 3 million excessive drinkers, 750,000 chronic alcoholics, 600,000 persons with tuberculosis, and 500,000 with cancer. We spend \$9 billion a yr on production of 750 thousand alcoholics and \$200 million on prevention of tuberculosis and cancer. — *CLETUS C JENKINS*, "Education as a Preventative," *Christian Action*, 11-'51.

IDEALS—31

What a country needs is not New Deals, Fair Deals or Square Deals, but Ideals. —*Banking*.

INCOME—Preachers—32

While clergymen and lay workers in '29 earned nearly \$200 a yr more (\$1,610) than the average for all occupations, their average income of \$2,276 in '50 was \$750 less than the nat'l average for all jobs. — *Dep't of Commerce Report*.

INDUSTRY—Women—33

Thirty-two billion dollars is earned annually by today's working women, or 15% of the nation's total personal income. — *Jnl of Business Education*.

INFLATION—34

Prices are rising so fast that a dollar saved is 50¢ lost. —*Optimist*.



Our ancestors must have been a sturdy race, judging by the surprising number who survived treatment by Renaissance doctors. One reformer of this drastic era was Paracelsus, German physician born Dec 17, 1493.*

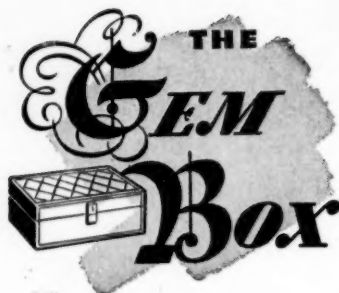
Ridiculed by his colleagues, Paracelsus maintained that a treatment was not necessarily right because it had always been used. It was high time someone tried remedies by chemistry rather than superstition, and Paracelsus' efforts were laudable, if confused. Drugs often appeared, he said, in the form or color of the organ they were useful in treating. Nutmeg, for example, was roughly the shape of the brain and should therefore be used to treat the brain!

There is more logic apparent here than in a popular remedy for nervous diseases — moss "scraped from the skull of a criminal who had been hanged in chains." Why this should cure rather than inspire nervousness is not explained. If a squeamish patient refused to eat the moss, he could be rubbed with a piece of rope with which a man had been hanged.

Gruesome or unusual attributes were all a substance needed to be valuable. Insects and toads were among the least disgusting remedies of the age. Ground shoe soles were considered helpful to intestinal troubles. Bloodletting supposedly cured almost anything.

A doctor confronted with a man suffering unexplained pain in his feet would customarily whang the patient over the head with a blunt instrument. When and if the patient regained consciousness, he at least had something to think about besides his original pain.

Brooding over some of these "cures," Paracelsus remarked succinctly: "A physician should not be . . . an executioner or a frivolous person."



Security

A family had failed to make a living on a worn-out New England farm. Did they demand gov't subsidies, checks for crops they didn't raise, high prices for crops to be burned? . . . They would have scorned such things—scorned and feared, for they knew from days under a forgn despot that where gov't money goes, there gov't control goes, too.

No, this family put everything they owned in a wagon, and walked beside it 2,000 mi's westward. They didn't know what was ahead, but they were determined to keep on going until they found a place of freedom where they could keep their self-respect. . . . They were English, Scotch, Dutch, Italian, French—people from many places—all now, Americans. They knew that the only happiness is from self-respect, and the only way to self-respect is to earn your own way, not whine for something for nothing. Their sons and grandsons started grocery stores, became mechanics, saved their money and started factories. American machines bought by American thrift made the factories grow.

And that's America. Made by people willing to walk 2,000 mi's beside a wagon—to find opportunity. If such people are gone, if all we have left are soft weaklings who want to be taken care of, then in truth American manliness is dead, that 2,000 mi walk was wasted, and there is nothing left of America but a hollow shell.—*Readers' Review.*

INGENUITY—35

Are you troubled with unpredictable weather? Learn a lesson from our friend Elvin who lives in Wis. Temp's range from very cold to very hot, but winter or summer, cold or hot, Elvin's bed is made

with 14 blankets. No sheets. Depending on the temp, he just crawls in at the proper level.—ALBERT MOREHEAD, *Cosmopolitan.*

KOREA—36

The Russians have had no casualties in the Korean war, for the same reason that no coach in any of Saturday's grid tussles suffered a broken leg.—BILL VAUGHAN, *Kans City Star.*

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A Detroit soldier in Korea writes: "If this is just a 'police action'—then we need a new police commissioner!"—HARVEY CAMPBELL, *Detroit.*

MARRIAGE—37

A matrimonial bureau in the Bronx, N Y, which charges from \$50 to \$500 to find a wife for a lonely bachelor, provides the 2nd mate free if the 1st marriage fails within 12 mo's of the ceremony.—HY GARDNER, *Parade.*

OPINION—38

If an opinion contrary to your own makes you angry, that is a sign that you are subconsciously aware of having no good reason for thinking as you do.—BERTRAND RUSSELL, English philosopher, quoted in *New Outlook.*

OPPORTUNITY—39

Opportunity rarely knocks on your door. Knock, rather, on opportunity's door if you ardently wish to enter.—B C FORBES, *Forbes*

ORIGIN: "Bridal"—40

In Anglo-Saxon days a girl was deemed most desirable as a wife if she knew how to brew beer and ale! If she could cook, that was fine, but it wasn't too important, apparently. This idea must have been popular because the word "bride" is derived from "to brew." To round this out, the wedding feast was known as the "bride-ale." Today, the final "e" is dropped, making it "bridal." — J Walter Thompson Co Mag.

PREACHERS—Preaching—41

In many pulpits *Reader's Digest* morality . . . has replaced the radical social demands of the New Testament. . . . This middle-class gospel is an unholy conglomeration of Dale Carnegie success, Norman Vincent Peale happiness, Rotarian goodwill and a Mr Milquetoast timidity in the face of political

controversy. These Babbitts of the pulpit preach that virtue is crowned with prosperity, that sin is ignorance, that gov't control is evil, and that American capitalism is ordained by God. Such homiletic eye-wash fails to prepare the man in the pew for responsible citizenship in this world, to say nothing of the next.—ERNEST LEFEVER, addressing Nat'l Methodist Youth Convocation.

PREJUDICE—42

Sooner or later all of us find ourselves in a minority of one kind or another, and so it is that we may demand for ourselves the very understanding and compassion which sometimes thoughtlessly we may fail to grant in our dealings with others.—Sen IRVING IVES, of New York.

PROGRESS—43

Progress waits on the growth of people.—NEA Jnl.

READING—44

It is est'd that the average American adult has an 8th-to-9th grade reading ability. — HERBERT POTELL, "Remedial Reading in the High Schools," *High Points*, 10-51.

Siberians, Please Note

We are familiar with Shakespeare's lover "sighing like a furnace with a woeful ballad made to his mistress' eyebrow." But here is something new:

A young man behind the iron curtain, one OLDRICH ADAMEC, writes in the Prague paper, *Lidove Noviny*, of his love of nature. He asks why the contemplation of flowers, bees, and meadows makes man so happy. This question ADAMEC then answers thus:

"In the evening when you listen to the night and look at the starry skies, it seems to you that Stalin's smiling eyes are looking at you full of love, goodness, and justice. The whole sky is full of Stalin's eyes, his thoughts, his movements, and his words. We love thee, oh thou sky of Stalin. How immeasurably we love thee! Thou ever shinnest above our heads. We inhale thee, because we need thee to live, because thou art our sun, our warmth, our blood."—*Redemptorist Record*. 45

RUSSIA—46

The power of the Soviet rulers is unchecked by religion, which they renounce, by courts, which possess no independence, by the press, which is the mouthpiece of the gov't, by elections, which are cut and dried endorsements of a prepared slate, or by individual property interests, which are non-existent. The powerful Soviet regime . . . fully deserves the brief, eloquent epitaph which the great historian Klyuchevsky bestowed on the Muscovite Tsarism, before Peter the Great: "The state swelled, and the people shrank."—WM H CHAMBERLIN, "Soviet Communism: The Transient and the Permanent," *Russian Review*, 7-'51.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—47

There are now 1,800,000 automobile drivers who have been trained in school—3% of all those on the road. Another 660,000 trained drivers are being added every yr.—LAWRENCE GALTON, *American Mag.*

SCIENCE—48

Forever, when we ask, Why? Nature gives no answer. Only when we ask, How? she permits us to discover. That inquiry is the field of science.—DONALD CULROSS PEATTIE, *Science Digest*.

SELF-CONFIDENCE—49

A grain of self-confidence, when applied to a definite purpose, is worth bushels of genius.—E F G GERARD, *Go To It*. (Booklet published by Mayfair for Gen'l Motors)

SELFISHNESS—50

Just because others are selfish is no excuse for being selfish yourself. Two hind ends of a horse cannot be joined to make one thoroughbred.—*Travelers Protection*.

SERVICE—51

There's no better exercise for strengthening the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.—*Origin unknown*.

SOCIALISM—52

Socialism is not advancing everywhere. It has been in retreat recently in Australia and New Zealand. It is also in retreat in Turkey where gov't owned businesses are being sold to private owners. If we regard the U S as the last beleaguered stronghold in a world about to be engulfed by socialism, we are painting an unduly grim

picture. The area of private enterprise is widening. — *Portsmouth (Va) Star*.

SUCCESS—53

The stamp of success shouldn't be your foot in the middle of a friend's back as you use him for a ladder.—DON MARSHALL, *Partners*, hm, Nat'l Labor Mgt Foundation.

TAXES—54

Taxpayers shouldn't accept the easy suggestion that there is little difference between a million and a billion. There is exactly the same relation as between \$1,000 and \$1,000,000. — *Christian Science Monitor*.

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Better to scrape the bottom of the tax barrel than to scrape atomic rubble from the sts of N Y, London and Moscow.—SEN BRIEN McMAHON, of Conn.

THANKFULNESS—55

Over the doorway of a certain English Chapel are two words, THINK—THANK. If we stopped to think more we would stop to thank more.—*Ind Parent-Teacher*.

VALUES—56

In the life of every man, gold banishes truth—for a time. Few men outgrow gold, but the names of those who do stand out like monuments of human progress.—JOHN HAY ALLISON, "Truth & Destiny," *Rosicrucian Digest*, 10-'51.

VIEWPOINT—57

As a rule a fellow who prides himself on being frank and truthful is regarded as rude and disagreeable by others. — *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

WAR—Cost—58

In ancient warfare it cost a few pennies to kill a man; now it takes thousands of dollars.—*AFBF News Letter*.

WOMEN—59

Out of every 100 unmarried women over 65, one has an income of more than \$4,000 a yr; 9 have between \$1,000 and \$4,000; 39 have less than \$1,000; and 51 are virtually penniless.—*U S Census Bureau Report*.

WORK—60

If you make your job important, it's quite likely to return the favor.—*Cera News*.

WINNING THE MAGAZINES



—*"Are We Killing Christmas?"*

HENRY LEE, *Pageant*, 12-'51.

Increasingly each postwar yr I am shocked and shamed at the vulgar, commercialized, even scandalous way we now "celebrate" this Day of Days—with pagan hearts and materialistic souls. Let me tick off symptoms of this spiritual decay:

Greeting cards that are arty, folksy, humorous and even suggestive but only rarely spiritual. *Item*: A grinning Santa Claus surprises an inviting, scantily clad lady and exclaims in big type, "AH MEN!"

. . . Amazing poor taste and vulgarity in adv'g. *Item*: This 7-col newspaper ad by one of the country's biggest dept stores: "We think it's a bright-eyed idea to give someone manure for Christmas. . . We'll ship a magnificent 1-ton batch of Daisy's finest to your door . . . for \$19."

Shameless commercialization of the holiday . . . and the growing practice of holiday "gifts" to politicians and business assoc's for past or future business favors. *Item*: The \$1 million "yrly loot" N Y C police exact from (merchants) and vulnerable commercial organizations.

. . . For my family Christmas Eve is—and *must* be, if it means anything at all — that splendid, eternal symbol of the night with its special star, of religious awe, joy and anticipation. Today, it seems, the Eve has become an excuse for office parties, drinking, lechery, speeding cars. Then, for many, Christmas Day is not a time of church and family celebration, but a dull, remorseful hangover of aching or broken skulls. . .

Rev John D Tate, in *Christian Century*, lists 4 false symbols we accept as meaning Christmas — Santa Claus, mat'l gift-giving, the Christmas card and "gaudy aggregations of lights and baubles." The clergyman says frankly, "I am fond of these things myself, but they have nothing to do with the Christmas meaning. What Christmas means and what Christmas is are two very different things today."

GOOD STORIES •

You Can Use

During World War II, the U S Gov't adv'd for an economist. A bank mgr applied for the post. At the same time, the Gov't asked the Union of American Bankers to recommend somebody for the position. The Union, not knowing that the mgr in question had already applied, put his name forward; whereupon he was appointed.

A few mo's later he rec'd a letter from his own dep't which read: "Dear Sir, We are very sorry we cannot entertain your application as the post has been filled by an economist of the 1st rank."

The consternation of the former bank mgr was even greater when he realized that he had signed the letter himself! — *Point de Vue, Paris.* **a**

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An inferiority complex could be a blessing if the right people had it.—Pied Sheet, hm, C T Dearing Printing Co.

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A passerby stopped to watch an old man in his garden weeding.

"Which weeds do you consider the easiest to kill?" he asked.

"Widow's weeds," ans'd the old man. "You only have to say 'wilt thou' and they wilt."—*United Mine Workers Jnl.* **b**

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One of a pair of schoolgirls, discussing college choices, said she was thinking of Bennington because its curriculum included interpretive dancing. "I'd rather go to Radcliffe," said the other. "I think it's more fun to dance with boys."—*New Yorker.* **c**

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If some persons preached what they practiced, it would have to be censored.—Banking.

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A young doctor, who had hung up his shingle in a small town, waited for his 1st patient. Some days later one arrived—covered from head to foot with an angry, dangerous-looking rash. The puzzled young medico hastily consulted his textbook but could find no help there. Finally he said to his patient, "Did you ever have this affliction before?"

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ANNA PERROTT ROSE
Author & Lecturer

I used to write speaking engagements down on a memo pad but the memos usually got torn off and thrown away. . . Then I decided to write them all down on the back of the pantry door (which) I felt I would not be likely to lose.

One day while I was away my son decided to paint the kitchen to surprise me.

"Tim," I moaned, "you *didn't* paint the back of the pantry door?"

He looked at me reprovingly: "Do I look like the kind of person who would paint a room and leave backs of doors untouched?"

It was a horrible yr. Friends would say: "I see by the paper that you're speaking out of town next wk at some woman's club," and I would cry: "What woman's club? Where? When? What am I talking about?" In this way, wk by wk, I pieced the lost schedule together. I missed only 2 engagements.—*Room for One More.* (Houghton, Mifflin)

"Oh, sure, Doc," the patient rep'd. "I've had it twice before."

"Well," diagnosed the doctor, "you've got it again." — *Arkansas Baptist.* **d**

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The businessman had just suggested to his sec'y that she accompany him on a business trip the following wk. "Listen," she snapped, "I may be your typewriter, but I'm not portable!" — *Accelerator.* **e**

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The bridegroom-to-be was depressed because he could not find a place to live and the wedding day was drawing near. "Why," suggested a friend, "don't you live with her parents?"

"That's no good," shrugged the

prospective husband. "You see, they're still living with their parents."—*Journeyman Barber.* **f**

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In the current bond drive, we are again told to give to "Help the boys." We wish the administration would be a little more explicit. Do they mean the boys in Korea who need it, or the boys in Washington, who seem to be getting it?—P K Sideliner, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

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A horse thief had been arrested and released on bail. His lawyer, after a thorough investigation both of the evidence and public sentiment, was convinced not only that the man was guilty but that any jury in the county would find him so. So he ret'd to his client and said, "You haven't got the chance of a snowball in hell. All the evidence is against you. No jury on earth would acquit you. The best thing for you to do is skip out of here."

The man looked bewildered. "You mean I ought to go somewhere else?"

"That's what I've been trying to tell you."

"But," asked the horse thief, "where can I go? Ain't I already in Texas?" — *Moby C Boatright, Folk Laughter on the American Frontier.* (Macmillan) **g**

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Some of our college gals pursue learning—others just learn pursuing.—Lexington Herald.

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The young man's sweetheart told him that the next day was her birthday. He smilingly said that he would send her a bouquet of roses, one for each yr of her life.

He ordered 2 doz roses to be delivered the next morning. The florist, knowing the young man's father was one of his best customers, kindly put in an extra doz. And the young man never knew why his girl was sore at him.—*Capper's Wkly.* **h**

A man, looking at some ties, tossed one or two aside contemptuously. Lingered after having made his purchase, he noticed that the clerk put those he had so positively rejected in a separate box. "What becomes of those?" he inquired.

"We sell them to the women who come in to buy ties for men." — *Aftenbladet*, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Latest model gas ranges include a venetian blind in the glass oven doors. This is for bashful girls who cook rump roasts. — *Animator*, hm, Alexander Film Co.

Plea to Sponsors

When you say, "Enclose a box top,"
Could you change it to box bottom?
So Junior'd have to eat the stuff
Before he ever got 'em.—
MAURICE SEITTER, *Empire Magazine*.

Egypt probably wants the Suez Canal because King Farouk has obviously outgrown his bathtub. — FRANK FARRELL, *N Y World Telegram*.

The colonel had been promoted and to celebrate was giving a lavish banquet. He addressed his soldiers: "Fall upon the food without mercy, men—treat it as you would any enemy." Later, as the feast was ending, he saw a sgt trying to hide a couple of bottles of wine under his blouse. "What are you doing, sgt?" asked the colonel. "Obeying orders, sir," was the reply. "What we don't kill of the enemy we're supposed to take prisoners." — *Lone Star Scanner*.

A Lancashire woman, wishing to lose weight, had been put on a diet by her doctor. One day a friend dropped in and was amazed to behold her tackling with great appetite a large potato-ple.

"I thought you were on a diet!" exclaimed the visitor.

"Aye, so I am," was the reply.

"But I've had me diet, and now I'm havin' me dinner." — *Dublin (Eire) Opinion*.

"Sedentary work," said the lecturer, "tends to lessen the endurance."

"In other words," butted in the smart student, "the more one sits, the less one can stand."

"Exactly," retorted the lecturer. "And if one lies a great deal, one's standing is lost completely." — *Oral Hygiene*.

"I never said I didn't like her," a woman defended herself. "I merely remarked that all the polish she had was on her finger-nails." — *Evening Gazette*, Middlesbrough, England.

There is this difference between a cowboy and a politician. The cowboy gets up early in the morning, decides what he wants to do, then straddles his pony and gets to work. He does the best he can and spends as little money as possible.

The politician gets up late in the morning, straddles the fence, spends all the money he can get, gets all the votes lined up, and then decides what to do.—JOE M EVANS, *A Corral Full of Stories*. (El Paso)

Henry L Mencken, author, editor and lover of music was asked by Will Durant, author of *The Story of Philosophy*, what life meant to him. Durant was compiling an anthology to contain answers to that query sent to famous persons. Mencken repl'd, in part: "I have longed to make a lot of money by some easy swindle. But I became a writer all the same, and shall remain one until the end of the chapter, just as a cow goes on giving milk all her life, even tho what appears to be her self-interest urges her to give gin." — *U S Air Service*.

The sporting gentleman asked his friend: "What do you think would go well with my purple and green golf socks?"

Came the answer: "Hip boots." — *Illustrert*, Oslo, Norway.



CLEANING-Aids: Liquid cleanser and disinfectant, Sani-Sol, instantly removes rust and other stains on bathtubs, sinks, and bowls. \$1 a qt. (*Pathfinder*)

FARMING: Push-button feeder, at cost of less than 1¢ a bushel, takes ear corn from crib, shells, grinds, mixes with supplementary feeds and delivers it to feed bunker. Runs by 5-hp motor; time clock automatically stops operation at proper time. Machine is geared to handle 1200 to 1800 lbs of ear corn per hr. (*Dairymen's League News*)

MOVIES: Two Calif electronics scientists have developed filmless motion picture "camera." They claim mechanism places images directly on sound-recording tape, eliminating need for film. (*Wall St Jnl*)

PLASTICS: Plastic bags for storing clothes have now been enlarged, framed with steel to form complete closets. Said to hold over 20 garments, blankets and linen. (*Quick*)

RECORDS: "Talking books" for blind are sets of special long-playing records. Each disk has title and page number in braille. Printed book of average length requires 18 double-faced records. (*Science News Letter*)

TELEVISION: Color TV tube that can receive color programs transmitted by either CBS or RCA system, or in black-and-white, has been developed by Ernest C Lawrence, Univ of Calif physicist. Paramount Pictures Corp'n claims tubes can be mfr'd at cost no greater than black-and-white tubes. (*Scientific American*)

Quote CALENDAR

December 16

- 1770—*b Ludwig van Beethoven, German composer
1775—*b Jane Austen, English author
1863—*b Geo Santayana, Spanish philosopher
1899—*b Noel Coward, English dramatist

December 17

- 1493—*b Paracelsus, Swiss-German chemist, physician
1778—*b Sir Humphry Davy, British chemist, physicist, inventor
1797—b Jos Henry, American physicist, inventor
1807—*b John Greenleaf Whittier, American poet
1874—b Wm Ma-Kenzie King, Canadian statesman

December 18

- 1779—b Grimaldi, English clown
1786—b Carl Maria von Weber, German composer
1787—N J ratified constitution
1835—*b Lyman Abbott, American clergyman, author, editor
1856—b Sir Jos John Thomson, English physicist, writer
1859—b Francis Thompson, English poet, essayist
1861—b Edw A MacDowell, American composer
1865—13th Amendment became effective; abolished slavery in U S
1890—b Edwin H Armstrong, American electrical engineer, inventor

December 19

- 1777—Washington went into winter quarters at Valley Forge
1851—*d J W Turner, English artist
1852—b Albert A Michelson, Prussian-born American physicist
1865—b Minnie Maddern Fiske, American actress

December 20

- 1803—U S took possession of Louisiana Purchase
1868—b Harvey S Firestone, American mfr

December 21

- 1375—d Giovanni Boccaccio, French-born Italian author
1620—Pilgrims landed at Plymouth
1639—*b Jean Baptiste Racine, French dramatist
1696—b Jas Edw Ogilthorpe, English gen'l, philanthropist, founder Ga
1804—*b Benj Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield, British statesman
1823—b Jean Henri Fabre, French entomologist
1860—b Henrietta Szold, American social worker
1879—*b Josef Stalin, Russian premier

December 22

- 1847—b Heihachiro Count Togo, Japanese admiral
1869—b Edw Arlington Robinson, American poet
1922—Soviet Republic formed

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LYMAN ABBOTT

The brotherhood of man is an integral part of Christianity no less than the Fatherhood of God; and to deny the one is no less infidel than to deny the other.

JANE AUSTEN

It is happy for you that you possess the talent of flattering with delicacy.

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

From the glow of enthusiasm, I let the melody escape. I pursue it. Breathless I catch up with it. It flies again. It disappears, it plunges into a chaos of diverse emotions. I catch it again. I seize it, I embrace it with delight. I multiply it then by modulations, and at last I triumph in the first theme. There is the whole symphony.

Faith

O world, thou choosest not the better part!

It is not wisdom to be only wise,

And on the inward vision close the eyes,

But it is wisdom to believe the heart.

Columbus found a world, and had no chart,

Save that one that faith deciphered in the skies;

To trust the soul's invincible surmise

Was all his science and his only art.

Our knowledge is a torch of smoky pine

That lights the pathway but one step ahead

Across a void of mystery and dread.

Bid, then, the tender light of faith to shine

By which alone the mortal heart is led

*Unto the thinking of the thought divine. — GEO SANTAYANA.**

NOEL COWARD

At the end of the 1st performance of *Bittersweet* in London, the audience shouted, "Author! Noel!" But no one was shouting louder than Coward himself. An anxious theatre official found him, and urged him to come on the stage. "Not on your life," cried Coward. "I only do that when they boo."—*N Y Times*.

SIR HUMPHRY DAVY

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kind-

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nesses and small obligations, given habitually, win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.

BENJ DISRAELI

There are 3 kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.

JEAN BAPTISTE RACINE

Small crimes always precede great ones. Never have we seen timid innocence pass suddenly to great licentiousness.

JOSEF STALIN

To choose one's victim, to prepare one's plans minutely. To stake an implacable vengeance, and then go to bed. . . There is nothing sweeter in the world.

J W TURNER

Mark Twain's impression of Turner's impressionistic painting *The Slave Ship* was "a tortoise shell cat having a fit in a platter of tomatoes."

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

Simple duty hath no place for fear.

